Claims

1.   Method for relaying internet protocol packets or IP
packets to a control component of a network node in a
communication network having a plurality of network nodes and
switching IP packets, in which IP packets are received,
identified, evaluated and processed at interfaces of the
network node,
characterized in that in the case of an in-band IP signaling
packet received at an interface of the network node and
identified there, which is characterized by an input in the
protocol field of the header field of the IP packet, a unique
value assigned to the respective receiving interface, which is
different from the values of the other respective interfaces,
is input in a defined field of the header field or IP header of
the IP packet and the modified packet is rerouted/output to the
control component.

2.   Method according to claim 1,
characterized in that in the case of IP packets of the type
RSVP received at an interface of the network node and
identified there, the value of the DSCP field provided in the
header of the IP packet is modified as a function of the
respective interface and the modified packet is output to the
control component.

3.   Method according to claim 2,
characterized in that the DSCP field respectively contains a
value assigned to the processing interface, which is different
from the values of the other respective interfaces.